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SECRET ALLIANCE SAYS WELLINGTON

Maryland Senator Makes Plea for Boers

THE CHARGE DENIED.

Proofs of the Statement Demanded, But They are Refused.

ENGLAND WINS BY DIPLOMACY

The Britons, Knowing They Dare Not Wage War on America, Bind the United States by Treaty, Declares Mr. Wellington-The Day's Proceedings in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28,—In the course of a speech in favor of the adoption of a resolution expressing the Schale's

tion of a resolution expressing the Senale's sympathy for the Boers to-day, Mr. Wellington, of Maryland, referred to a secret understanding existing between the United States and Great Britain.

When Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, demanded proof that such an understanding existed, Mr. Wellington said that under the circumstances it was difficult to present tangible proof, but he believed the sent tangible proof, but he believed the proof could be found in the secret archives of the State Department.

Mr. Lodge replied that under our form of

government no such understanding could exist, and as the Secretary of State had emphalically denied the existence of any alliance or understanding, he believed the country would accept the statement as

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

The reading of the sundry civil appro-priation bill was completed, but not all of the committee amendments have been dis-

posed of.

A lively debate was precipitated over the proposition to continue the life of the Industrial Commission until October 31, 1901. Charges were made that the Commission was being used as a Republican campaign machine, and that important testimony had been suppressed. The committee amendment, however, was agreed to.

Mr. Hale presented a partial report of the conference report on the naval appropriation bill, the armor plate question, the course of instruction of cadets at Anthengolis, and insular coast surveys yet being in dispute.

being in dispute.

Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, inquired what had been done about the proposition to authorize the Secretary of the Navy, if he deemed it advisable, to move the iPort Royal Naval Station to Charleston.

Mr. Hale replied that it had been agreed to by the conferees.

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Mr. Butler objected to the report, insisting that the question of location ought to be left open, with a view to securing the best harbor on the Southern coast for the station. He maintained that Wilmington was a better harbor than Charleston.

Mr. Clay, of Georgia, urged that Savannah's claims might be considered. After some debate the conference report was agreed to by 35 to 11.

SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

Mr. Wellington then called up Mr. Teller's resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers and declaring a desire that this Government should extend its friendly offices looking to bring the war to a close, Mr. Wellington maintained that Con-

offices looking to bring the war to a close.

Mr. Wellington maintained that Congress would not have performed the full measure of its dairy if before adjournment it did not redeem its pledge to give the people of Cuba a free and indpendent government; if it did not declare its policy as to the Philippine Islands, to the holding of which by the United States he was unalterably connecd, and if it did was unalterably opposed, and if it did not take definite action in favor of the

Boers.

He declared that this country, so far as its government was concerned, had yielded to British blandishments and was under the sway of British influence. England dared not, he said, attack us by force, and realiz-ing this, was gaining points against us by diplomacy. So it was during the Hispano American war that England professed her-self our friend after we had broken the power of Spain. SECRET ALLIANCE.

"That," he explained, "was the begin-ning of an allance conceived in darkness and carried out in iniquity. There has been and carried out in inquity. There has been between the two governments a secret agreement, although there had been no open alliance and a surrender of American interests to Great Britain. Despite the desire of a vast majority of our people that we should extend our sympathy and good offices to the Beers, the diplomacy of Great Britain now binds the hands of

our country.

Despite the treaties of friendship between the Boors and Great Britain therwere violated because," he maintained.

"England never kept a promise where it was to her advantage to break it. England had determined to gain possession of the rich gold mines of the Transvaal," said Mr. Wellington, "and the conspiracy or-ganized by Cecil Rhodes and Joseph Chamberlain soon developed into one of the awfullest tragedies of modern times." Mr. Wellington alleged a cordial welcome

or the Boers was being withheld because of a secret understanding between Great Britain and the United States, whereat Mr. Lodge asked for proof of this assertion. Mr. Wellington replied he would reach that point later, and the Boer resolution went over

reach that point later, and the Boer resolution went over.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

When the committee's amendment, extending the life of the Industrial Commission until October 31, 1901, was reached, Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, attacked the com-mission because it was not, he said, what had been intended by the law creating it, a non-partisan body. He therefore offered an amendment providing that not exceeding nine members of the commission should

be of the same political party.

Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, denounced the commission as a "sham, fraud and delu-

The committee amendment was agreed to, the amount appropriated being in-creased from \$122,300 to \$129,500. At 5:35 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

In the House. WASHINGTON, May 28.—This was a dull day in the House, considering the near approach of the linal adjournment. The Alaskan civil government bill was completed and passed, and some odds and ends of legislation were cleaned up.

WAS FLOATING IN THE CANAL.

Body of Joseph Towne Recovered

Yesterday Afternoon, The body of Joseph Towne (colored) was found floating in the canal about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Towne was drowned for studying the Friday morning while on his way to coronum about the sun.

Coroner Taylor was at once notified, and after viewing the body he deemed an inquest unnecessary, having come to the conclusion that the cause of death was ecidental drowning.

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Towne was walking along with another colored man named Thomas Moore, previous to reaching the canal. When the canal was reached Moore was several yards ahead. When Towne fell in the canal he cried for help, but his companion could not reach him in time to save him. The loady will be buried by the circum. The body will be buried by the city au-

AFTER DEATH-WHAT?

Learned Theologians Debate on Future State of the Soul.

Possibly three hundred were gathered last night at the Auditorium to hear the Biblical debate between Mr. Alex. Packie, Biblical debate between Mr. Alex. Packie, of Louisa, and Rev. J. E. Smith, of Philadelphia. Hon. S. S. P. Patteson presided over the meeting. Dr. P. P. Starke, of this city, acked as moderator for Rev. Mr. Smith, and Mr. James L. Shelton, of Louisa, acted for Mr. Packie. The subject for the evening was the future state of the soul and in what form it would exist throughout eternity.

The speeches of both men showed famillarity and knowledge of the Scripture. They spoke for an hour in thirty familiarity and knowledge of the Seripture. They spoke for an hour in thirty minut periods. At the close of the first hour Mr. Packie had finished his reply to Mr. Smith's first speech. Mr. Smith rose and asked the chairman if he was not entitled to the closing argument, he being on the affirmative. Mr. Patterson informed him that according to the agreement which both speakers had signed he was not to close the debate.

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Mr. Smith said he had certain; been misinformed, and if he had known such to have been the arrangement he would never have come upon the platform. The question was discussed on the stage by the moderators, who decided against Mr. Smith, and the debate went on, though the affair detracted from the enjoyment of the discourse of the discourse

The second debate will be held to-night

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.

Four Prisoners Damage the Steel Cell in Farmville.

FARMVILLE, VA., May 28-Special .-The four negroes sentenced at the last term of Prince Edward County Court for robbery have been taken to the penitenti-ary to serve their term of four years' imprisonment.

When the officers removed them from the steel cell in the new county jail, it was discovered that an attempt had been The lock of the cell was discovered that account in a discovered that account in a discovered that a discovered was so badly damaged that the officers were compelled to use cold steel chisels to open the door.

Professor Cridlin's music class gave a concert at the Opera House Friday night.

There was a large audience present. The programme was well rendered and en-

Bonny Bon Air.

BON AIR, May 28 .- Special .- The Rev. BON AIR, May 28.—Special.—The Rev. Dr. Tudor preached here Sunday evening. The conference collections for the year were taken, and the neat sum of \$75 Was raised, this being the largest collection of the kind ever taken here, and probably the largest, considering the membership, ever taken at any one charge in the district.

All of the vacant cottages have been taken for the summer, and the community is rapidly dilling my with resenters. Seves rapidly filling up with resorters. Seve-al guests are already at Hotel Noel, and others are expected soon. Bon Air never was more beautiful and

attractive than now. Crop prospects are good and the fruit crop will be abundant.

Tenth Legion on the March.

STAUNTON, VA., May 28.—Special.— The town is full of "gray coats" to-night. The town is full of "gray coats" to-night.

Many veterans arrived from down the Valley this afternoon to join the Stonewall

Jackson Camp of Confederate Veterans for
Louisville. They will be accompanied by
the Stonewall Brigade Band.

A decorated train awaits the crowd,
which will leave at 4:22 A. M.

Carrier Pigeon at Almshouse.

A carrier pigeon was caught at the City Almshouse yesterday afternoon. At-tached to one of its legs was a piece of ribbon with the following: "Arthur Pearl, No. 306 South Mount Street, Balti-more, Md.

ALL READY FOR RIDDICK TRIAL

The Prisoner's Family Visit Him in Jail-Mrs. Riddick There Ready

to Testify-The Counsel.

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., May 28.—
Special.—The trial of Rev. J. E. R. Riddick for the murder of Dr. Temple will commence in the County Court of Brunswick to-morrow. This trial has been called twice before this time, once at the April Court, and the next time May 3d, and each time was postponed on account of the sickness of Mrs. Hiddick, who is claimed by the defence to be a material

Mrs. Riddick and mother, Rev. J. H. Riddick, father of the price. Mrs. Ruddek and mother, Rev. 3. Hiddick, father of the prisoner, and Mrs. Poage, sister of the prisoner, arrived here on the midday train. All the counsel for defence have also arrived.

Hon. E. W. Saunders, who will assist.

Hon, E. P. Buford in the prosecution, will Hon. E. P. Butord in the prosecution, will arrive to-night, and it seems likely that the trial will go on without further delay. The prisoner's family visited him in jail this afternoon and remained for about one and a half hours, after which they returned to the hotel, and Mrs. Riddick

has not since left her room.

A barber visited Mr. Riddick in jail this A parper visited air. Addited in jail this afternoon and shaved him. The prisoner is reported to be in good health, and there is no excuse for the trial not to com-

PROFESSOR STONE'S WORK.

Ten Plates With the Forty-Foot Camera Were Exposed.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 28 .- The at-CHARLESTON, S. C., May S.—Ine troopheric conditions were most favorable for the eclipse at Winnisboro, this State, to-day. At the station of the Leander McCormick Observatory of the University of Virginia, in charge of Professor Stone of Virginia, in charge of Professor Stone, ten plates were exposed with the forty-foot camera. The corona was observed visually by telescope. The general character of the corona was the same as that usually seen at times of minimum sun spot activity. No relation between the fillments and the individual profuberantees which the detected though this point. cy could be detected, though this point was carefully studied. A number of smaller cameras were mounted on a polar axis for studying the extent of the outer corona. With one of these a color screen was used for studying the distribution of

THE SUN SNUFFED OUT AS A CANDLE

Twilight Clothed Earth as With a Mantle.

DARKNESS IN THE DAY

Thousands Viewed the Strange and Beautiful Phenomenon.

A QUEERLY ASSORTED CROWD

Swarmed Upon the Piers at Old Point and Thronged the Battlements of Fort Monroe-As a Watch in the Night the Shadow Came and Passed Out of View on Its Westward Way.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 28 Special.—In a turquoise sky, with never a fleck of fleecy cloud to mar its pure expanse, the sun this morning was expanse, the sun this morning was snuffed out of the heavens and for a won derful haif a minute a glorious twilight lay restlessly upon the startled land and on the gleaming waters.

That brief and beautiful moment was

on the gleaming waters.

That brief and beautiful moment was like a star set in the golden ring of the century—a point of time so radiantly glorious that it will never fade from the dazzled memory of the thousands who watched the marvellous scene like the vision of some strange, fantastic dream of hidden and forbidden brightness.

Old Point Comfort, almost an island, lay expectant all within the path of the wondrous shadow that was sweeping across the earth with the swiftness of a cannon ball and the silence of death.

A QUEER CROWD.

Thither flocked the currious thousands, with smoked glasses in their hands; in their hearts anticipation and vague premonition. They swarmed upon the pler, they flocked upon the verandas and house-tops, they thronged the grim battlements of the ancient fort, they wandered impatiently about the courts—as queerly assorted a multitude as ever gathered together. Senators touched elbows with bricklayers, Congressmen with crabfishers, small boys jostled gray-haired men; scholars, their refined faces aglow, looked into eyes that reflected vacancy; business men hobnosed irrelevantly men; scholars, their refined faces aglow, looked into eyes that reflected vacancy; business men hobrowed irrelevantly with dreamers; fair girls, with deep eyes and cheeks like mother-of-pearl, had for their shoulder neighbors old women with wrinkled visage and faded garb.

Here and there an ebon negro wormed his way and drove a thrifty trade in bits of sooty glass; liveried hackmen drummed in vain for fares and wondered why the people did not ride, as though

drummed in vain for fares and wondered why the people did not ride, as though the eclipse were a point of interest to be visited at the rate of a dollar an hour.

A FAINT SPECK.

At twenty minutes of 8 a clock a faint black speck was seen to fix itself upon the sun, and, as the thousands watched it, cat its way into the golden disk growing larger and assuming a definite shape. As the moon drove between the luminary and the earth, all the effulgence of the orb of day seemed crowded to the part unobscured. For fifteen or twenty minutes there was no sensible diminution of the light, and to the naked eye the sun appeared to shine with unnatural lustre. Presently there was a softening of the

Presently there was a softening of the light, almost imperceptible at first-a darkening of the waters. A bugle call rang through the air. Across the dusky waves, muffled music crept. The band waves, mulled music crept. The band on the Kearsarge was playing in the deepening shadow. The white battleship swung at her anchors as beautiful as a dream. Four or five snowy yachts nestled near. Back and forth through the ever increasing shadow, graceful sail boats darted in ghostly wise, their negro crews chattering their superstitious fancies to each other, half afraid.

CRESCENT OF FIRE.

The sun, by this, was but a slender crescent of fire. There was a hush. The spirit of sleep brooded on river, on bay and land. Out toward the east, Hampton CRESCENT OF FIRE. Roads was mottled with dancing silver ripples that rose and fell in tired and drowsy fashion.

The southwest was as black as ink, the heavens shading off to leaden gray.

Against the sky line the river was sullen and dark save where a wicked, steel-white coil of water seemed to writhe

white coil of water seemed to writhe across the roads and gnash its teeth against the horizon.

Every eye was turned heavenward. The watchers held their breath. A faint chill settled over all. The stillness was uncanny; the scene weird.

In the hush, in the twillight, in the twinkling of an eye—darkness. The gilttering crescent disappeared as though some celestial wand had waved it from the sky. And then—around the moon's some celestial wand had waved it from the sky. And then-around the moon's the sky. And then—around the moon's black rim there burst a glorious haio. Around the inky disk just the sienderest band of gold gleamed across the infinite space, and from this tiny ring was flung a fringe of pearl and silver, as though the stars had been clustered for a crown so wonderful that its description does not lie within the possibilities or language. Above this marvelious crown shot into space a streamer, in length several times the diameter of the disk; in breadth, a man's hand would have measured the space on earth; in the heavens, ten thousand thousand miles, perhaps.

JAGGED TONGUES,
Just below, from the periphery of the

sand thousand miles, perhaps.

JAGGED TONGUES.

Just below, from the periphery of the southern hemisphere, two jagged tongues slipped down in space and quivered along the celestial miles like things alive.

A little further down a faint, small star shone timidiy in the giorined space, seeming to tremble and pale in that vast presence; then slink away.

An involuntary cheer, that was more like a cry of wonder and admiration, broke from the multitude and died upon the air as the craft in the Roads whistled a noisy salute that was out of tune, barbarously and inexpressibly.

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In the heavens and on land and sea a transformation had been wrought as won-derful as it was rapid. The skies of black and gray were flooded with gorgeous after-sunset tints, and all around the horizon there swept a band of colors that elude classification. The lower strata was almost black, but it quickly shaded into ochre, which grew to amber, to pink, was almost black, to it quitary shaded into ochre, which grew to amber, to pink, to red, to scarlet. The waters flashed violet beneath this resplendent canopy— violet fretted with threads of gold and sil-

red.
Ah, gentle poet who wrote:
"A thing of beauty is a joy forever!"
In the memory, yes; in the soul. THE COLORS FADE.

Even as the awed and wonder-stricken watched, the streamers taded before their eyes, and from the molten circle there burst a knot of fire of infinite brightness, fishing like a solitaire of celestial brilliancy upon the golden ring. For a minute, it sparkled there and grew; then broke into sunlight. The colors faded from the skies as swiftly as they had been painted there:

a moment of sombre pail one more, then day swept over the land and claimed its realm once more.

As the shadow swept on towards the Atlantic, the dispatch boat Doipnin, with President McKiniey and party aboard, crept across the Koads, and while the sun was yet a crescent, the Kearsarge was firing the saiute of twenty-one guns in honor of the nation's executive, who, presently, was on his way back to the Capital, having never stopped at Old Point during his stay in this vicinity. He watched the eclipse from Lambert's Point, near Norfolk.

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A few moments before the sun passed into absolute obscurity, while the shadows were gathering thick upon the white sands, a corpse was thrown upon the beach in front of one of the big hotels by an incoming billow. The ghastly object splashed directly under the eyes of a group of observers. It proved to be the spiasned directly under the eyes of a group of observers. It proved to be the corpse of William McGlone, who was drowned in the Bay last Thursday while fishing.

WEIRD SCENE AT SUFFOLK.

Business Suspended—People Watched

the Phenomenon With Awe.

SUFFOLK, VA., May 28.—Special.—
After a generation of waiting the solar eclipse came to-day, and came on time. The heavens were bright and cloudless, and all nature pervaded by a calm that was grave like in its intensity.

During the period of totality the hush was disturbed only by the almless fluttering of birds as their wings beat among

was distince only of the wings beat among telegraph whres and the quiet sobs of a few timid women who were overcome by the scene of awful grandeur. There were

the scene of awful grandeur. There were some unsaid prayers. The solemnity was too nearly allied to the sacred to be lightly disturbed by vocal sounds.

Hundred of persons stood on places of prominence and viewed the phenomenon through telescopes and broken window panes swoked with lightwood. Photographs were made; business was suspended; lights were smade in stores, and a few stars peeped out and were absorbed in the daylight. At some of the factories women employed became scared and shouted, and employed became scared and shouted, and quit work. In country districts laborers left their fields, amid cries of anguish. They uttered incoherent petitions and wrung their hands. At one point "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung impressive-

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Fowls huddled together helplessly, and some took their midnight perches. Dogs looked heaven-ward and wagged their tails in mute appeal. A cushion of cool. dark and cheerless air seemed settling about the earth, and men grew chill. It looked a fitting time for tragedy.

As the arc of sunshine sped around the surface of the lunar sphere the dismal sight was dissipated, great cries of glad-ness went up, and there was joy again upon the earth; the eclipse was passing.

THE WORK AT PINEHURST.

Not as Much Was Accomplished as Had Been Hoped.

PINEHURST, N. C., May 28-Special. Seventeen instruments were used in the observations here to-day. Included in this observations here to-day. Included it mis-list was a forty foot photo heliograph, taking a five-inch photo of the sun and extending to twelve inches of the Corona; three cameras of 4- and 6-inch aperture; two spectroscopic gratings for photographing the spectrum lines of the corona, and a prismatic camera. Several cameras were mounted and used by pri-vate individuals, some of which gave ex-

cellent results.

Owing to the fact that the flash spectrum from the corona did not appear there was a loss of about twenty-five seconds during the first part of totality. This flash was to have been the signal for the arrival of the totality. the signal for the arrival of the totality, and the exposing was to have commenced on that second. It is thought here now that the flash is uncertain and an unreliable indication of totality. The delay threw the last exposures after totality, and those plates may be spoiled, although one astronomer holds the opinion that photographs will be procured showing the corona in sunlight, which would be a very unusual occurrence.

very unusual occurrence. Three free-hand sketches of the corona were made by different astronomers dur-ing totality and agreed fairly well. Al-though not as much was accomplished as had been hoped, still the observations here are thought by those competent to judge to be a success and of much value to science.

The plates will be developed in Washso that no immediate results will obtainable. On the whole, the observations here are thought to be a success.

AS SEEN IN RALEIGH.

Lieutenant Geo. C. Round Makes a Signal Station of the State Capitol,

RALEIGH, N. C., May 28.—Special.— Everywhere on the street to-day from the early hour of 7 crowds of people with smoked glass watched for the least beginning of the total eclipse. At 7:30 the faintest tip of blackness appeared on the rim of the sun. Gradually the disk wa overed and hung as a black ball in the

heavens.

Parties from Detroit, Chicago, Boston, Milwaukee, New York and many other istant places came here to view the

Lieutenant George C. Round, one of Gen. Schoffeld's signal officers, who established a signal station on the State Capitol April 13, 1865, is at the Yarborough Hotel. Some 13, 1855, is at the Yarborough Hotel. Some time since he obtained permission to oc-cupy his old station during the solar eclipse. He has resided in Virginia since the war, and Governor Tyler, of that State, has written Governor Russell asking that the above privilege be granted him The superintendent and junitor at the Capitol assisted Mr. Round on Saturday in preparing a station for observation on the dome, on which the Lieutenant mounted the same United States signal tele-scope which he used in 1865. He also has in his possession one of his old signal flags and after the period of totality passed or Monday at 9 A. M. the Lieutenant used the signal flag to repeat the same message he sent out from that done April 26, 1865— "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

SAW EGLIPSE AND DIED.

While Witnessing the Phenomen on Emma Hill is Stricken Down.

Emma Hill (colored), living at No. 747 1-2 North Ninth Street, saw the eclipse yesterday morning, and while witnessing the phenomenon was stricken with paralysis. She never spoke or moved after she was and died last night at 7 o'clock The stroke was probably caused by ex-

The colored population of Jackson Ward The colored population of Jackson Ward is in a state of excitement over the occurrence, and groups of the followers of the Rev. John Jasper, who verily believe "the sun do move," gather on the street corsan as move, gather on the street cor-ners and discuss the sudden "taking off" of Emma Hill.

Crescent-Shaped Specks of Sunlight WINSTON, N. C., May 28.-Special.-WINSTON, N. C., May 25.—Special.— The eclipse was observed here by nearly every one. It was not total, but the drak-ness was strong enough to send chickens to bed, and occasioned some alarm among the negroes. The path of the totality just

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ROBERTS REACHES THE KLIP RIVER

Is Within Eighteen Miles of Johannesburg.

They Abandon One Position After Another When Approached.

PRESSING BOERS HARD

FRENCH AND HAMILTON ENGAGED

Firing Heard About Ten Miles to Left

of British Supposed to be From Their Forces-Rundle Occupied Senekal on May 24th, Farmers Along March Are Surrendering.

LONDON, May 28.—Midnight—The War Office just before midnight published the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Klip River, Transvaal, May 28—5:25 P. M.—We marched twenty miles to-day and are now eighteen miles from Johannesburg. The enemy had prepared several positions where they intended to oppose us, but they abandoned one after the other as we neared them.

"We pressed them so hard that they had only just time to get their five guns into train and to leave this station as some of the West Australian mounted infantry dashed into it.

dashed into it.
"French's and Ian Hamilton's forces are apparently engaged with the enemy about ten miles to our left, as firing has been heard since noon. "The farmers near our line of advance re surrendering with their arms and

horses.
"Rundle occupied Senekal on May 24th.
No report of what took place has reached

me yet."
"H. J. Wigham has just returned to "H. J. Wigham has just returned to Lorenzo Marques from Pretoria, where he went disguised. He wires that Kruger has all the arrangements made for flight, presumably to Holland. A special train, provisioned, is always ready with steam up. The train waits some distance from Pretoria."

THE MAYOR ATTACKED.

His Honor Mayor G. W. Smith, of Lychburg Has an Altereation.

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 28.—Special.—Mr. G. W. Smith, Mayor of the city, and Mr. Zack Blaine, a tinner, had a personal difficulty on Main Street to-day. Last week the Mayor admitted to bail in the small sum of ten dollars a young white man who had been arrested on the charge of assaulting a young white girl, and his action has been severely criticised.

When Blaine met the Mayor to-day on the street, he began offering some criticism, when the Mayor spoke to him sharply, strongly resenting his conduct. Words led to blows, and several licks were exchanged. A policeman interfered, and Blaine was placed under arrest.

The case of assault, which has excited the entire community, has been set for trial next Monday, at which time its LYNCHBURG, VA., May 28.-Special.

trial next Monday, at which time its details, will, in all probability, be fully

ATTACKED BY A MOCCASIN.

A Physician Extracts the Poison With His Month.

POANOKE VA., May 28.-Special. Tucker Bowles, a merchant of Stewarts-ville, was sitting on his front porch yes-terday when he was attacked and bitten moccasin snake. A physician was alled and with the use of his mouth, ex-Tracted the poison by sacking the wound.

The commencement exercises of Virginia College have begun. Rev. Dr. James
Arthur preached the baccalaureate sermon last night. The concert was rendered to

night, and to-morrow night the graduates will have their day.

The college is closing a most successful

POSTOFFICE LOOTED.

Burglars Secure Over Six Thonsand

Dollars at Marshall, N. C. ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 28.—Special.— The postoffice at Marshall, twenty miles from here, was broken into last night and the safe forced open with explosives. Four fundred dollars of postal funds, and about six thousand county and individual funds

were taken. Two suspicious characters were arrested and held, pending investigation.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

Annual Council Opens Its Session at Lynchburg.

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 28.-Special. The preliminary devotional service of the annual council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia was conducted in St. Paul's Episcopal Church here to-night by Rev. C. O. Paules of Charles and Charles of Charles Pruden, of Chatham. A large number clerical and lay delegates have reached

the city.
The regular business session of the council will begin to-morrow morning.

THE MURDERER CONVICTED. The Slayer of Imboden and Gold Gets

a Light Sentence. WASHINGTON, May 28.—The State Department to-day received the following cablegram from United States Minister

Hunter, at Guatamala City, Honduras,

May 27th: "Hernandez has been convicted of the murder of Imboden and the wounding of Gold at San Pedro, Sula, Honduras, and sentenced on the 25th instant to ten years

The shooting occurred some time last winter at San Pedro, Sula. The two men, Imboden and Gold, Virginians, were playing billiards, when Hernandez, a native Honduranian, entered the room and shot them, killing Imboden and wounding Gold. The assault appeared to have been Gold. The assault appeared to have been peculiarly cold-blooded, for the reason that Hernandez started out to kill any "Gringos." otherwise Americans, whom he might meet

SURRENDER IN A BODY.

Situation in Philippines is Still Improving. WASHINGTON, May 28.—The War Department has received the following cable-

gram from General MacArthur at Manila, dated to-day:

forty-six rifles, surrendered unconditionally at Cuyapo yesterday. Three officers and forty-six men, with fifty-five rifles, sur-rendered unconditionally to-day at Tarlac. These spontaneous surrenders are very en-couraging."

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General Corbin said that General Mac-Arthur's dispatch showed that the situation in the Philippines is improving. The present policy of the army, he said, is to disarm and not to kill the Filipino insurgents, and that object is being facilitated by the action of the Filipino captains in setting their men together and surrender. by the action of the Filipino captains in getting their men together and surrendering in a body. In such cases the men get receipts for their arms and ammunition. There is no longer any organized resistance, he says, and the only trouble comes from bands of guerillas. The marauders receive no mercy from the troubs.

VETS BANQUET.

Confederates Serving in Congress Form an Organization. Washington Bureau, The Times, No. 515 Fourteenth Street.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.-Spe ial.-The organization of ex-Confederate cial.—The organization of ex-Confederate soldiers now serving in Congress, which owes its inception to the efforts of Capt. Lamb, of Richmond, held their first banquet to-night at the Metropolitan Hotel. About fifty eligible members were present, including Senator Daniel, Senator Berry, of Arkansas, and Gen. Joe Wheeler, of Alabama. The opening remarks were made by Capt. Lamb, who introduced Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, as the toastmaster. Among the speakers was Senator Daniel, who was first called upon, and responded in his speakers was Senator Dantel, who was first called upon, and responded in his best vein, largely historical. The gather-ing proved in every way a most enjoyable affair, and will doubtless become a per-manent feature of the social life among the Southern people at the nation's Capi-

A feature of the evening was the ap-A feature of the evening was the appearance of Representative Otey, in his moth-eaten uniform of a Confederate Major. In the course of his remarks he called for "Dixie," and as the orchestra struck up the familiar strain all joined in singing it.

WON MONEY IN A GALLOP.

Lieutenant Gigson Only Starter in the Latonia Derby.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, May 28.-The thousands who gathered at Latonia to see what promised to be the greatest derby of the year, met with bitter disappointment. The race was a farce. Lieutenant Gibson was the only starter, and simply had to gallop around the track to win the big prize. Up to noon the track was in good shape, but then there came a heavy rainfall and spoiled all the chances of a contest in the derby. Hiram Scoggan, Highland Lad, Florisar, Kentucky Farmer and St. Ivor were scratched. This left but one horse in the race—Lieutenant Gibson—and he gollaped the distance, a mile and a half, for the big purse. Thus the famous Latonia Derby of 1960 passed into history, and Lieutenant Gibson, the crack Western three-year-old, remains unbeaten.

OLD VIRGINIA NEVER TIRE.

One of Her Sons Takes First Prize Out of a Class of 33 Graduates.

Washington Bureau, The Times, No. 515 Fourteenth Street WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Special At the commencement exercises of the Columbian Medical School Dr. H. C. Macatee, of Virginia, was awarded the first prize, amounting to \$50 cash, for the best average of a four-year course class of thirty-three graduates.

A Lone Bandit. FALLS CITY, NEB., May 28.—The passengers on the sleeping car of train No. 1, of the Missouri Pacific, which left Kansas City last night at 9:25, were left Kansas City last night at ! left Kansas City last night at 9:25, were held-up and robbed early to-day between here and Stella by a lone bandit. After the train left Verdon he entered the sleeper and compelled the porter, at the point of a revolver, to aid him. He had only fifteen minutes to work, and jumped off at Stella without having secured much plunder.

Sussex County-Official Vote. SUSSEX, VA., May 28.—Special.—For Constitutional Convention 532, against Constitutional Concention 238; majority,

BOXERS MARCHING ON CITY OF PEKIN

The Diplomatic Corps in Session Considering the Situation Which

Has Become Alarming.

TIEN TSIN, May 28.-The "Boxers" burned the Liulino Station, on the Luhan Railway, twenty-nine miles from Pekin, last night. They also wrecked the track, destroyed a number of cars and muf-dered several Chinese employes. The Belgian engineers in charge of the work

are safe at Fingtal.

The "Boxers" are marching on toward Pekin. TIEN TSIN, May 28.—(Later).—The British and Belgians have left Fringtai and the "Boxers" are expected there to-day. A relief train is bringing the refu-gees to Tien Tsin. Train service between Tien Tsin and Pekin has been suspended

since noon to-day.
The United States cruiser Newark and, French man-of-war have arrived at Situation Alarming.

PEKIN, May 28.—The Diplomatic Corps is now in session considering the situa-tion caused by the "Boxers." The for-eign guards will certainly be brought here. The position of affairs is alarming, tailway communication with Tien Tsin is interrupted.

Stormy Session of Deputies. PARIS, May 28.—There was a stormy session in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The Premier provoked a dreadful uproar by declaring, in repudiating the charge that he had attempted to revive the charge that he had attempted to revive the Dreyfus case, that the spying was done at the Second Bureau of the War Office. Pandemonium followed, and the session was adjourned. Subsequently the session was resumed. Premier Waldeck-Rousseau toned down his allusion to the War Office, and the Government was sustained by a vote of 283 against 247.

Against the Admiral.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The United States Supreme Court to-day decided Admiral Dewey's bounty claim against the Admiral's contention. The effect is to deprive the Admiral and the men engaged with him at Manila of half the gaged with him at Manif amount claimed by them.

Vote of Charlotte.

SMITHVILLE, VA., May 28.-Special,ram from General MacArthur at Manila, The official vote of the county was 612 for ated to-day:
"Three officers and fifty-six men, with jority of 478.

A FOUL MURDER IS SUSPECTED

John W. Perdue Myster-. iously Missing

BLOODY HAT FOUND

And a Trail Leading From His Buggy to the River.

DRAGGING FOR HIS

Mr. Perdue was on the Way from His Home to Sewall's Point, His Place of Business, and it is Thought He was Murdered and Thrown Into the River. A Negro Killed.

John W. Perdue, of Atlantic City, who left home yes(erday for his place of bustness, at Sewalt's Point, is missing. Foul play is suspected, as on the road his buggy was found and in it his dat. bugy was found and in it has hat, stained with blood. A trail leading to the river-side causes the belief that he was murdered and his body thrown in the river. Men are dragging for the body. Tessie Biackbern, a young woman, took polson and died today. She test a letter in which she admitted her design to die by her own hand, disposing of her little effects, and asked that she be bried at Eatlinore, her home. She was of respectable family and signed ner letter with her real name, Helen Kneckle.

NORFOLK, VA., May 28-Special.-

Frank Allen, colores, longshoreman, aged forty years, dropped dead upon the street to-day.

George Douglas, colored, was murdered to-night by a companion, who, with a knife, pierced his heart.

Koomassie Relief Force Has to Fight Its Way. LONDON, May 28.—A dispatch received at the Colonial Office from Acera, British Gold Coast, announces that Colonel Wilcock's relief force, which had only just started for Koomassic, has already met with opposition. One officer is reported wounded.

MEET GPPOSITION.

MINISTERS TO DEDICATE IT.

Missionary Boat Samuel N. Lapsley to Go to South Africa-Shipyard News,

Rev. Dr. Robert P. Kerr, paster of the has written the William R. Trigg Shipmissionary boat Samuel N. Lapsley,

missionary boat Samuel N. Lapsey, which will soon be completed.
Instead of christening the boat, it will be dedicated like a church.
Rev. Dr. Chesier, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will be here to attend the exercises. There will also be here a large number of wall-known Presbyterian ministers from well-known Presbyterian ministers from well-known Presbytrain insisters that throughout the South whose efforts have helped to raise the funds to build the boat. Ministers of other denominations will also be present.

The dedication exercises will take place

about June 16th, after which the boat will be taken apart, packed up, and shipped to New York, from which place it will be sent to Liverpoot. From there it will be shipped to Matadt, in South Africa, where it is to ply along the Congoriver, carrying missionary workers, religious literature and supplies for the heathen in the jungles and unenlightened regions of that country.

It will only be a month or so more before the first torpedo-boat destroyer—the Dale—to be built in this city will be faunched. Both the Duce and the December of the product of the prod

Decatur are up-to-date war-vessels, and they present a picture-sque sight at their present moorings.

The trial trip of the Stockton will take

place next month. This boat may go to New York or some other point on this

NEWS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS-Miss Parker Resigns as Teacher and

is Succeeded by Miss Friend, The regular meeting of the School Board was held yesterday evening. Those present were Mesers, James H. Capers (whereasirmen). Charles Hutzler, R. Edgar Soine, William M. Turpin, Soi Cutchins, W. F. Fox 'superintendent), and C. P. Walford (clerk).

Fox (superintensials) (clerk). The Superintendent's report for the month shows: Total enrolment, ILDE; monthly enrolment, 10,30; average dully attendance, 9,916; per cent of attendance,

Miss Margie W. Parker, of Springfield School, resigned, and Miss E. Gordon Friend was placed on the regain list of teachers. The Board, as the sergestion of the principals, who were represented by a committee, decided to send Superintendant. committee, decided to send Superintendant W. F. Fox as its representative to the National Educational Association, which meets in Churleston, S. C. July 7-13th next. Reports were received from the various committees of visitation, which showed the schools to be in a good condition. After the transaction of routine business the Board adjourned.

Mr. Juseph C. Dielerson was absent on account of being out of the city.

Alumnae Luncheon.

All alumnae of the Woman's College and Eichmond Female Institute who expect to attend the alumnae luncheon, to be given at the Jefferson on Monday, June 4th, at 2 P. M., must send the luncheon fee of 21 to Miss Wilson Shelton, No. 211 Sauth Third Street, before Saturday, June 2d. The time Street, before Saturday, June 2d. The time limit is important. Those finding it more convenient, however, may sand the fee to Miss Katherine Foster, No. 512 West Grace

Bank Robbers Released. Mr. Joseph Goldsmith has been appointed special agent of the Consus Depart ment to collect the statistics of the manu

actories in this city. Nesbitt and Haw, the bank robber sus-Nesbitt and riaw, the bank totaler sus-pects, were to-day liberated by the au-forities, none of the defectives who came see them being able to connect them directly with any special crime.

Hit With Brass Kaneks.

The ambulance was called at \$:30 o'clock last night to the First Police Station to treat Kate R'chardson (colored), who was hit on the head with berss knucks by a negro named Flunk. She was treated by Dr. Gills.